



2021 Cambridge Municipal Election Voter Guide

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2021

Ways to Vote

Vote By Mail: All Cambridge voters can vote by mail for this election. See page 2 for more details.

Vote Early In-Person: Early voting will be available at three locations from October 23rd through October 29th at any of the three locations during designated hours (see page 3).

Vote On Election Day: Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2nd. Voters must vote at their designated polling location (see page 4).

**The deadline to register to vote is
Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

Check your Voter Registration Status at
www.RegisterToVoteMA.com
or call 617-349-4361

Ways to Register

Register Online: You can register online at www.registertovotema.com if you have a Massachusetts Driver's License or ID. If you don't, you can still use the website but you must print your form, sign it, and mail it to the Election Commission office.

Register by Mail: You can obtain a mail-in registration form from the City Clerk's office, any Cambridge Post Office or any branch of the Cambridge Public Library. Mail completed registration forms to: **Cambridge Election Commission, 51 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.**

Register in-person: If you would like to register in-person, you may do so at the Election Commission office at **51 Inman Street**. Voter registration is also available as part of every transaction at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and at certain public assistance agencies.

Eligibility:

To register to vote in the City of Cambridge, You must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Cambridge
- Be 18 years of age or older (Cambridge citizens who are 16 or 17 years of age can pre-register to vote.)

Already registered to vote?

You only need to re-register when you change your:

- Name;
- Residential address;
- Mailing address; or
- Political Party

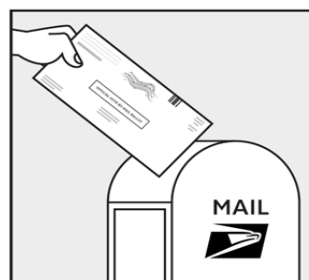
Early Voting by Mail

Postcard applications are being mailed to Cambridge voters who were registered by August 23rd. If you did not receive a postcard, you can still apply to vote by mail. Ballots will only be mailed to voters who apply in writing.

1. Download an application from www.cambridgema.gov/earlyvoting or send a written request with your name, Cambridge address, address where you want the ballot sent, and your signature.

2. Send your signed application by email, fax, or mail:

- Email: elections@cambridgema.gov
- Fax: 617-349-4366
- Mail: Cambridge Election Commission
51 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139



3. You have four options for **returning your ballots**:

- Return the ballots by mail using the envelope provided with your ballot
- Return the ballots in person to the Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street
- Return the ballots in the sealed envelope to an election official at a designated Early Voting location during prescribed Early Voting hours.
- Deliver your ballots to any one of the six (6) ballot drop boxes located in Cambridge. Drop box locations are listed on the last page of this guide.
The drop boxes are available from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. every day until Election Day, Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8 p.m.

**Track your ballot
online!**

www.TrackMyBallotMA.com

Important Deadlines

Ballots will be mailed beginning the first week of October.

The Election Commission recommends submitting your application **no later than Tuesday, October 19th** to ensure the timely delivery of your ballots. Ballots cannot be mailed to you if your application reaches the Election Commission after 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 27th**.

Ballots must be received by the Election Commission Office by **8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2nd** to be counted.

Early Voting In-Person

Any registered voter can vote early. Unlike Election Day, you are not assigned to a polling location during the early voting period. You can go to any of the three Cambridge early voting locations during the times designated below. **The Election Commission office at 51 Inman Street will NOT be an early voting location for the Municipal Election.**



Early Voting Times and Locations

Cambridge Water Department, 250 Fresh Pond Parkway

Main Library, 449 Broadway

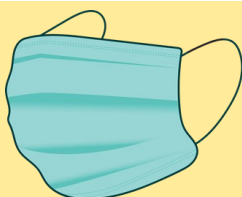
Valente Library, 826 Cambridge Street, side entrance on Berkshire Street

Saturday 10/23	Sunday 10/24	Monday 10/25	Tuesday 10/26	Wednesday 10/27	Thursday 10/28	Friday 10/29
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	CLOSED	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	11 a.m. - 7 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

What if I want to vote on Election Day instead?

You can only vote once—if you cast an early voting ballot, either by mail or in-person, you cannot vote on Election Day.

If you don't vote early, you can still vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2nd. You will receive a voter notification card with your assigned location prior to Election Day. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT SOME POLLING SITES HAVE BEEN RELOCATED.** A list of polling locations is provided on page 4.

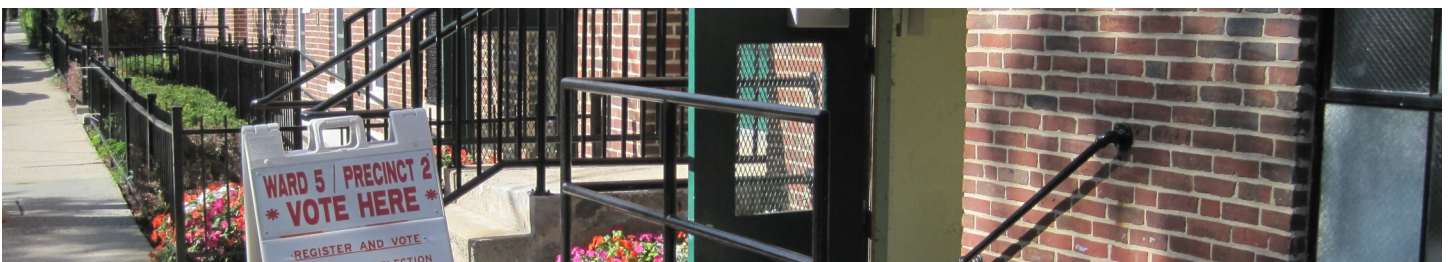


Voters are encouraged to wear a face mask or covering when they vote in-person, either during Early Voting or at the polling sites on Election Day.

Voting In-Person on Election Day

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. You must vote at the precinct where you are registered to vote. Look up your polling location at www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch, or call the Election Commission office at 617-349-4361

1-1	COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF CAMBRIDGE 245 Bent Street, Main Entrance	6-1	CITY HALL ANNEX 344 Broadway, Conference Room, Second Floor
1-2	COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL OF CAMBRIDGE 245 Bent Street, Main Entrance	6-2	CAMBRIDGE RINDGE & LATIN SCHOOL 459 Broadway, Media Cafeteria, Cambridge Street Entrance
1-3	MILLERS RIVER APARTMENTS 15 Lambert Street, Cambridge Street Entrance	6-3	CAMBRIDGE RINDGE & LATIN SCHOOL 459 Broadway, Media Cafeteria, Cambridge Street Entrance
2-1	PISANI CENTER 131 Washington Street	7-1	BALDWIN SCHOOL Community Floor, 28 Sacramento Street Entrance
2-2	M.I.T. KRESGE AUDITORIUM Behind Stratton Center, 70 Massachusetts Avenue	7-2	BALDWIN SCHOOL Community Floor, 28 Sacramento Street Entrance
2-3	M.I.T. KRESGE AUDITORIUM Behind Stratton Center, 70 Massachusetts Avenue	7-3	GUND HALL 48 Quincy Street, Cambridge Street Entrance
3-1	VALENTE BRANCH LIBRARY 826 Cambridge Street, Side Entrance on Berkshire Street	8-1	GRAHAM AND PARKS SCHOOL 44 Linnaean Street, Playground Entrance
3-2	MOSES YOUTH CENTER 243 Harvard Street, Front Entrance	8-2	FRIENDS CENTER 5 Longfellow Park, Community Room
3-2A	MOSES YOUTH CENTER 243 Harvard Street, Front Entrance	8-3	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL 102 Putnam Avenue, Playground Gym Entrance
3-3	SALVATION ARMY HEADQUARTERS 402 Massachusetts Avenue	9-1	HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH 145 Brattle Street, Parking Lot Entrance on Sparks Street
4-1	CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER 5 Callender Street, Howard Street Entrance	9-2	CAMBRIDGE WATER DEPARTMENT 250 Fresh Pond Parkway
4-2	CITY HALL 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Driveway Entrance	9-3	RUSSELL YOUTH CENTER 680 Huron Avenue, Second Floor
4-3	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOOL 102 Putnam Avenue, Playground Gym Entrance	10-1	PEABODY SCHOOL GYM 70 Rindge Avenue, Rear Entrance
5-1	LBJ APARTMENTS 150 Erie Street, Community Room (Parking Lot Entrance)	10-2	GRAHAM AND PARKS SCHOOL 44 Linnaean Street, Playground Entrance
5-2	MORSE SCHOOL 40 Granite Street, Main Entrance	10-3	CAMBRIDGE FRIENDS SCHOOL 5 Cadbury Road, Front Entrance
5-3	MORSE SCHOOL 40 Granite Street, Main Entrance	11-1	RESERVOIR CHURCH 170 Rindge Avenue, Rear Entrance
		11-2	PEABODY SCHOOL GYM 70 Rindge Avenue, Rear Entrance
		11-3	BURNS APARTMENTS 50 Churchill Avenue, Community Room



2021 Candidates

City Council:

Burhan Azeem	35 Speridakis Terrace
Dana Bullister	155 5th Street
Dennis J. Carlone*	9 Washington Avenue
Robert Eckstut	251 Western Avenue
Tonia D. Hicks	337 Pearl Street
Ilan Levy	148 Spring Street
Alanna M. Mallon*	3 Maple Avenue
Marc C. McGovern*	17 Pleasant Street
Joe McGuirk	314 Columbia Street
Gregg J. Moree	25 Fairfield Street
Patricia M. Nolan*	184 Huron Avenue
Frantz Pierre	22 Water Street
Sumbul Siddiqui*	283 Sidney Street
E. Denise Simmons*	188 Harvard Street
Theodora Theo Skeadas	988 Memorial Drive
Jivan Sobrinho-Wheeler*	187 Brookline Street
Paul F. Toner	24 Newman Street
Nicola A. Williams	8 Brewer Street
Quinton Y. Zondervan*	235 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue

School Committee:

Akriti Bhambi	311 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue
Alfred B. Fantini*	4 Canal Park
Caroline M. Hunter	23 Rockwell Street
Daria A. Johnson	2 Leighton Street
Christopher Lim	48 Pleasant Street
José Luis Rojas Villarreal*	19 Cornelius Way
David J. Weinstein*	45 S. Normandy Avenue
Rachel B. Weinstein*	60 Standish Street
Ayesha Wilson*	15 Concord Avenue

* Candidate for Re-election

What will the ballots look like?

There will be three ballots: one for City Council, one for School Committee, and one with ballot questions. Ballot question information will be mailed to every voter household prior to the election.

Download Specimen Ballots at www.cambridgema.gov/election

Or visit the Election Commission Office at 51 Inman Street

More information on candidates:

Newspapers, websites, and local organizations are good sources of information about the candidates. Many candidates have campaign websites that you can find by searching online.

Except as required by law, the City of Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners does not participate in any campaign activities, including but not limited to:

1. Providing information about candidates' beliefs or positions
2. Regulating or fact-checking campaign materials
3. Organizing or advertising candidate debates

Campaign Finance

City Council candidates file campaign finance reports with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), a state office.

School Committee candidates file campaign finance reports with the Election Commission.

To view Campaign Finance Reports, visit: www.cambridgema.gov/cfr

Proportional Representation

Since 1941 the City of Cambridge has elected its City Council and School Committee by Proportional Representation (PR).

Elections for nine members of the City Council and six members of the School Committee are held in November in odd-numbered years.

PR elections ensure the fair representation of all voters. Any group of voters that number more than one-tenth of the votes cast can be sure of electing at least one member of a nine-member Council, but a majority group of voters can be sure of electing a majority of the Council. The majority elect a majority of seats, but minority groupings also win their fair share of representation.

PR elections also ensure that no ballot is wasted. Your ballot will only count for one candidate. If the candidate you rank first loses, or already has enough votes to win, your ballot will be transferred to the next choice you marked.

Ranking only one candidate does not give that candidate an advantage, so rank as many candidates as you like.

Marking your Ballot

Voting is easy! The City Council and School Committee ballots list candidates with numbered ovals next to their names. Just rank the candidates in order of preference by filling in the numbered ovals.

Valid Markings

Mark your choices by completely filling in the numbered ovals.

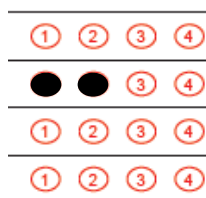
Fill in the number one (1) oval next to your first choice. Fill in the number two (2) oval next to your second choice, and so on.

You don't need to rank all the candidates: you may fill in as many or as few choices as you please.

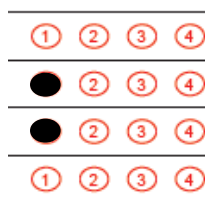
Only one vote per candidate. Only one vote per column.							DO NOT USE F	
HERSHEY CHOCOLATE BAR, 1600 Smores Road	CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
GUMMY BEAR, 2564 Haribo Street		1	2		4	5	6	7
CANDY CANE, 12 Peppermint Lane		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CHARLESTON CHEW, 292 Main Street			2	3	4	5	6	7
M. M. CHOCOLATE, 255 Character Way		1	2	3		5	6	7
REESE P. B. CUP, 24 Peanut Place		1		3	4	5	6	7

Invalid Markings

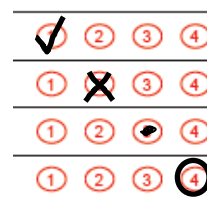
Filling in more than one choice for a candidate:



Giving more than one candidate the same ranking:

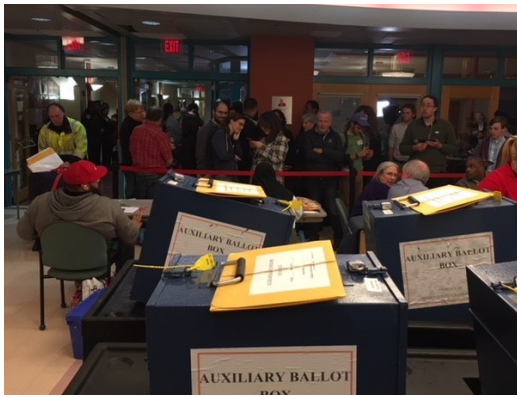


Ovals that are not filled in completely and cannot be read by the machine:



If you make a mistake, you can return your ballot to the election worker and receive another one. You are limited to three attempts at completing your ballot.

Just be aware that each ballot might have the candidates in a different order! The candidates' names are rotated in alphabetical order on the ballot so that each candidate appears in the desirable top-of-the ballot position on an equal number of ballots.



Central Tabulation Center, 2017

How the Ballots are Counted

First Count: The ballots are sorted by the number one (#1) vote on each ballot. Candidates are ranked according to the number of first choice votes received.

Calculate Quota: Quota is determined by the following formula:

$$\text{Quota} = \frac{\text{Number of valid Ballots}}{\text{Number to elect} + 1} + 1$$

For example, if 24,990 valid ballots are cast for City Council, the quota will be 2,500 (24,990 divided by 10, plus 1).

Distribute the Surplus: Any candidates who reach the necessary quota with number one (#1) votes are declared elected. Any extra ballots they receive beyond the quota are redistributed to the candidates marked next in preference on the ballot. For example, if quota is 2,500 and a candidate receives 3,000 first choice ballots, 500 ballots will be transferred.

Eliminating Candidates: The count continues with the elimination of candidates who have fewer than fifty number one (#1) votes. Their ballots are redistributed to the other candidates according to the next preference marked. After each distribution, each candidate's new vote total is established. Then the candidate with the lowest number of votes is declared defeated and that candidate's ballots are redistributed to the voter's next indicated preference.

Electing Candidates: As candidates reach the quota through the addition of redistributed ballots to their totals, they are declared elected and no further ballots are transferred to them. This process continues until all candidates have been eliminated except the nine winners for city council or six winners for school committee.

Election Results: On Election Night, all of the ballots that went through the scanners on Election Day, including absentee ballots, will be tabulated. **Preliminary results** will be posted on the City of Cambridge homepage at www.cambridgema.gov on Election Night, once every precinct has reported to the Central Tabulation Center at the Senior Center.

Beginning the day after the election, the Commissioners will review all write-in ballots and auxiliary ballots by hand and add these to the results. Auxiliary ballots are ballots that cannot be read by the scanners. These results are **unofficial results** because they still do not include all ballots.

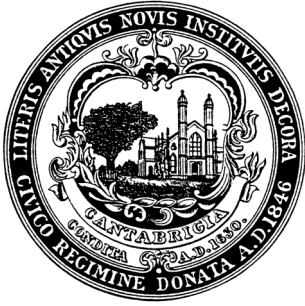
The Election Commission will meet 10 days after the election to count any overseas absentee ballots or provisional ballot that are determined to be valid. Once these final ballots have been added to the results, the count will be complete and the Election Commission will release the **official results**.

Interested in Working on Election Day?

The Election Commission accepts applications throughout the year from registered voters who are interested in working at the polls on Election Day.

Download an application at:
www.cambridgema.gov/ElectionWorkers

Applications are also available at the Election Commission office.



City of Cambridge Board of Election Commissioners

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according to your
schedule! Vote early by
mail or in-person!

6 Ballot Drop Boxes
Available to Return
Mailed Ballots

6 Days of In-Person
Early Voting

3 Early Voting
Locations Throughout
Cambridge

Weekend and Evening
Early Voting Hours
Available

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For more information, visit
www.CambridgeMA.gov/Election

Official Ballot Drop Box Locations

(For Cambridge voters only)

1. **City Hall** - near the back door of the building located at 795 Massachusetts Avenue
2. **Morse School** - near the front entrance of the building located at 40 Granite Street
3. **Cambridge Police Headquarters** - near the front of the building located at 125 6th Street
4. **Maria L. Baldwin School** - near the Oxford Street Entrance of the building located at 28 Sacramento Street
5. **O'Neill Library** - adjacent to the entrance stairs of the building located at 70 Rindge Avenue
6. **Coffon Building** - near the front of the building located at 51 Inman Street

From October 23rd - October 29th you may also drop your sealed ballot envelope off at an Early Voting location during the hours they are open. Times and locations are on page 3.